

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King, a Member of the House Judiciary Committee, today made the following statement regarding the Senate Judiciary Committee's postponement of a vote on the nomination of Dawn Johnsen to head the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. King has previously called on President Obama to withdraw his nomination of Dawn Johnsen and written letters ([letter 1](#) , [letter 2](#)) to the President calling for her nomination to be withdrawn. The first letter was signed by 62 other House Members. King's statement follows:

“Nominating Dawn Johnsen to head the Office of Legal Counsel is an insult to pro-life Americans. Her personal pro-abortion agenda, previous disparaging comments about pro-life Americans and past criticism of Congress' ban on partial-birth abortion are evidence that she is not interested in finding common ground with those who oppose her narrow philosophy. Ms. Johnsen has condemned virtually every type of regulation of abortion conceived by a legislature.

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“It is my hope that President Obama will withdraw her nomination. I encourage all Americans who value life to contact the White House and their Senators to demand that President Obama nominate an OLC chief who will not detract from his stated goal of reducing abortions and finding common ground on life issues.”